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Asia specialist Susan Shirk, a professor at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at the University of California, San Diego, has been named director of the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) based at UCSD.

On the recommendation of UC President David P. Gardner, Shirk's appointment was approved by the Board of Regents today (June 19) at its business meeting on the UCLA campus.

Gardner said, "Susan Shirk's Asia expertise fits well with IGCC's role as one of the country's leading research institutes working on Asia-Pacific issues."

He said, "Additionally, Shirk has a strong record as an institution builder. She was one of the founding members of UCSD's excellent political science department, and was also a founding member of the university's Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, and still serves as a professor in both of those organizations."

Shirk was appointed acting director of IGCC in the summer of 1991 to replace former director John Ruggie. An authority on the political economy of China, Shirk has taught political science and international relations at UCSD since 1975. She sits on the board of directors for the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

"The University of California system has tremendous intellectual resources on international issues," said Shirk. "IGCC's role is to increase the voice of the University of California and the state of California by serving as a link between these UC resources and policymakers in Washington and foreign capitals. The distance from Washington can actually be an advantage in that policy research done here can be more creative and take a more long-term perspective."

Shirk is the author of the forthcoming book "The Political Logic of Economic Reform in China." Her previous publications include her book "Competitive Comrades: Career Incentives and Student Strategies in China," and "The Challenge of China and Japan," a book she edited.

IGCC, a multi-campus research institute serving the entire UC system, was founded in 1983. The purpose of the institute is to study the causes of international conflict and to promote opportunities for international cooperation. IGCC's research agenda includes conventional and nuclear arms control and proliferation issues, international environmental policy, and security in the Middle East and Asia-Pacific regions. IGCC also supports public education programs at other UC campuses.

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